BSA Board Meeting MINUTES January 23, 2024 Email Vote

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) reached out asking other scientific societies to join them in signing a symbolic pledge, committing to work together across all fronts on climate change.

BSA Board members reviewed and approved and approved signing on to the following pledge.

PLEDGE:

Climate Change Must be a Top Priority for Everyone

People are changing Earth's climate. These changes pose serious danger to our world, and are larger and faster than any that humanity is known to have endured. Addressing climate change must be a top priority to safeguard the well-being and prosperity of both humans and all forms of life. Therefore, the undersigned societies, scientific institutions, and media organizations commit to working together to inform all audiences about the challenges and opportunities facing humanity at this point in the 21st century.

To that extent, the undersigned affirm:

• Human-caused climate change is real, having significant harmful impacts already, and will cause unacceptable consequences in the future unless humanity responds aggressively and rapidly.

· Combating climate change and its impacts is a top priority for each of us.

• Science and science-based findings are the underpinnings of all solutions that our global community needs to address this existential threat. The undersigned scientific professional societies and institutions are committed to supporting continued critical scientific investigation on climate change.

• The communication of science-based information to all stakeholders, NGOs, governments, and the public, is critical as we chart a course forward. The undersigned media organizations are committed to collaborating with the scientific community to disseminate scientific information to all concerned parties.